

Dear Commissioners of the FCCI strongly urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 to restrict satellite radio's ability to broadcast local traffic and weather reports. I am an over the road trucker, and I often use this feature on my XM radio. It is a safe and convenient means for me to determine traffic and weather conditions in the metropolitan areas in which I travel. The alternative, broadcast radio, requires that I laboriously search the broadcast bands for a suitable station. This is usually an exercise in futility, as I usually tuned to a station just as the traffic report is going off, not to be aired again for at least ten minutes. This is also very unsafe, as my attention is diverted from the road to tune the radio. XM, on the other hand, gives continuous, 24 hour weather and traffic reports covering all of the metropolitan area, and the area is displayed on their control head. This requires a minimum of distraction from the business at hand, i.e., driving safely. Please give consideration to the views I expressed above, as I would sorely miss the traffic and weather reports that XM radio provides. Thank you.

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